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This month's edition is circulated, not by design, on the anniversary of one of the most horrific days in the history of our planet, certainly one of the most unbelievable days in my 48 years on this planet.

The Monthly Special Zone, for obvious reasons, features material and web pages marking the first anniversary of the September 11 terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, DC; a memorial to a sad, black day in history.

I hope all of you have had the opportunity to mark the anniversary in your own special way. I am sure there are many of our thousand-plus subscribers who have been personally touched by the events of one year ago. The world has been scarred by the events of September 11. This month's Newsletter hopefully brings some unique, memorable and important views of events.

Welcome to many new subscribers this month. Please feel free to contribute to future editions. As well, your comments about the Newsletter are always appreciated.

THE MONTHLY SURVEY

Thank you to the 49 people who took time to respond to last month's survey question. Again, somewhat surprising that with over 1000 different e-mail addresses receiving the Newsletter, only a small percentage of you are actually taking the time to respond and participate.

Last month's question dealt with your favourite radio format. We wanted to know which format you prefer to listen to on radio. Here are the choices, together with the votes received for each.

a) All News -- 3 votes
b) Talk Radio -- 7 votes
c) All Sports -- 2 votes
d) New Rock Music -- 1 vote
e) Classic Rock Music -- 4 votes
f) Alternative Rock Music -- 0 votes
g) Pop/Dance music -- 1 vote
h) Easy Listening/Light Rock -- 1 vote
i) Country -- 3 votes
j) Jazz -- 2 votes
k) Classical -- 7 votes
l) Urban/Rap/Hip Hop -- 0 votes
m) Public Radio (NPR/PRI/CBC etc.) -- 15 votes
n) Campus/community -- 0 votes
o) Christian/Religious -- 0 votes
p) Other -- specify. -- 3 votes, all for Oldies music

What can we learn from this? It seems we have a group of people, at least in the 49 who responded, who use radio for more serious reasons than just background noise. Public radio, talk radio and classical music are the top three categories. Interesting to see that these are three formats which often receive some of the lowest numbers of listeners in the various ratings surveys that are taken professionally. We must be a rather eccentric and highbrow group, don't you think?

THIS MONTH'S SURVEY

This is the "Radio" HF Internet newsletter, but let's focus on television this month. I switched over to a satellite TV system from a cable TV service here in Montreal almost 2 years ago. This seems to be a growing trend in many areas. This month's question is "Which method do you use to receive your television programming?"

a) Internal or external antenna
b) Cable, analog or digital
c) Satellite dish and receiver
d) Other (if there are others, please specify)
e) I don't have a television

Please send along your resonse by e-mail to hfnewsletter@yahoo.com

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THE COMMENTS ZONE

GERRY CHARRON, Rockland, Ontario Hi & thanks for the great information you provide us every months .. I really enjoy clicking away on the new & wonderful links we get, so please continue to satisfy our needs to discover the unknown.

THE CONTRIBUTORS ZONE

The number of monthly contributors continues to be incredibly low. This month, excluding myself and Yahoo, we have only 7 contributors. Thank you to those 7 dedicated people. Now how about more of you. As I've said before, if everyone who gets this free Newsletter simply took the time to send along just one web page that they think others in our group would be interested in, I would have enough material to last for months into the future. It's easy to do. I look forward to seeing more input from more of you in the future.

Mike Brooker, Toronto, Ontario
Larry Dolan, Pierrefonds, Quebec
Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec
Vernon Ikeda, Pierrefonds, Quebec
Ricky Leong, Brossard, Quebec
Bob Margolis, Chicago, Illinois
Elmer Standish, Courtenay, British Columbia
Bill Westenhaver, Montreal, Quebec
Yahoo Weekly Picks

THE MONTHLY SPECIAL ZONE

YAHOO LIVING TRIBUTE -- SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

http://remember.yahoo.com/

Memorials, tributes, news coverage of the day's first anniversary, plus the opportunity to create your own tribute through this website.

"On September 11, 2001, individuals and organizations around the world turned to the Internet to communicate, to find information, to support the stricken, and to express the inexpressible. We sent messages to loved ones far away. We read the news, looked at photographs, and exchanged opinions and condolences. We sent aid to the victims and supported the heroic rescue efforts that followed the attacks. The impact of September 11 will live forever in our memories. Now, on this first anniversary, we honor the heroes and remember the lives lost as we look forward in hope to a time of peace and healing"

MEDIA MAP -- SEPTEMBER 11 JOURNALISTS' RESOURCES

http://www.mediamap.com/Sept11.asp

An excellent collection of links to reports, resources, analysis and information sources relating to various subjects dealing with September 11, 2001. Be sure to check out the media section which includes sections on how media was affected by September 11, plus an analysis of September 11th media coverage.

SEPTEMBER 11 WEB ARCHIVE

http://september11.archive.org/

Our aim in creating this collection of Web materials was to preserve the Web expressions of individual people, groups, the press and institutions from around the world, in the aftermath of the attacks in the U.S. on September 11, 2001. We hope the archive provides resources for many kinds of reflection on the meanings of these events.
Starting in the hours just after the attacks, until December 1, 2001, we collected Web materials that reflect responses to them, from as many sources as possible. People from around the world contributed URLs to be included in this collection, and we are grateful for each submission.
We are now in the process of cataloguing a portion of the archive, and exploring new ways of making sense of these archived materials. We welcome your feedback about how you use the archive, and suggestions for improving access to the archived materials

THE SEPTEMBER 11 DIGITAL ARCHIVE

http://911digitalarchive.org/

A collection of stories, e-mails, images, and a guide to other web sites remembering September 11.

TELEVISION ARCHIVE

http://client.alexa.com/tvarchive/html/

The events of September 11th affected the entire world. Reactions around the globe have been captured in this archive of television news broadcasts from the period following the attacks. We invite you to explore the collection and share your thoughts with other archive users. You'll find videotape reports from the U.S., Canada, Britain, Japan, Mexico, China, Russia and others.

FLIGHT 93 MEMORIAL

http://www.shanksvillememorial.com/

We are not in charge of the Flight 93 Memorial being planned by the Somerset County Commissioners. We are simply caring Americans who began establishing this web site in mid-September of 2001, because we firmly believe that a memorial should be built at the crash site of United Airlines Flight 93--near Shanksville, Pennsylvania--where 40 brave souls fought armed terrorists to save the lives of others and some unknown national landmark. We hope to further this goal by getting information to the public about the Flight 93 Memorial that is being planned. Not surprisingly, because what happened on Flight 93 was so profound, a multitude of memorials are being created for the heroes. These memorials are not being built with bricks, marble and glass, but with such items as a pen, a guitar, a camera or a web site. We feel it is important to provide information about

these other efforts to honor these heroes.

NEW YORK CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

http://www.nyc.gov/html/fdny/html/home2.html

The New York City Fire Department web site updates you on memorial activities relating to September 11th events, plus offers all other types of information on the department which was front and centre on that day.

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RADIO H.F. PUBLICITY ZONE

YAESU FT-897

The FT-897 is a rugged, innovative, multiband, multimode portable transceiver for the amateur radio MF/HF/VHF/UHF bands. Providing coverage of the 160-10 meter bands plus the 6 m, 2 m, and 70 cm bands, the FT-897 includes operation on the SSB, CW, AM, FM, and Digital modes, and it's capable of 20-Watt portable operation using internal batteries, or up to 100 Watts when using an external 13.8-volt DC power source. This new unit from Yaesu looks like a real, all-purpose winner. For a link to the complete details and brochure on this unit, please check out:

http://www.yaesu.com/amateur/ft897.html

Contact Radio HF for details on pricing and availability.

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AMARC -- THE WORLD ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY BROADCASTERS

http://www.amarc.org

VIA Ricky Leong, Brossard, Quebec

AMARC is an international non-governmental organization, based in Montreal, serving the community radio movement, with almost 3,000 members and associates in 106 countries. Its goal is to support and contribute to the development of community and participatory radio along the principals of solidarity and international cooperation. The web site is available in English, French and Spanish.

RADIO ACTIVE ON LINE

http://members.aol.com/DennisKQV/index.htm

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

This web site for fans of Top 40 radio, Contemporary Hit Radio, Oldies (both the radio format and the

music), the history of broadcasting and Old Time Radio (OTR). There are links to lyrics, recording artists' home pages, radio aircheck collectors, record labels, record dealers (both vinyl and CD's), radio memorabilia, guitar manufacturers, radio stations, radio personalities and a whole lot more.

RADIO STATION BUMPER STICKER COLLECTION

http://marina.fortunecity.com/titanic/263/stickers/

VIA Larry Dolan, Pierrefonds, Quebec

This is a fairly new site, still under construction, focusing on a collection of radio station bumper stickers. There are some good links to other collectors and sites.

ALTAIR -- EXPLORING THE ELECTROMAGNETIC SPECTRUM

http://www.altair.org/

VIA Bob Margolis, Chicago, Illinois

Countless unheard radio voices and unseen images are passing through your body as you read this screen. From the force fields that shape our universe to the force fields that bind together the particles that make up your physical body, electromagnetics is the main fabric from which our physical being is woven. This web site teaches understanding of the electromagnetic spectrum using hands-on experiments, suitable for classroom, self study, or science fair. Here you can learn practical examples demonstrating the discoveries of Faraday, Maxwell, Tesla, Einstein, Feynman and more.

K2EPM'S SLICE OF THE WEB

http://members.aol.com/kc2ayc/

VIA Larry Dolan, Pierrefonds, Quebec

Ed Muro, amateur radio operator and scanner enthusiast, has set up this personal page with lots of great links to sites of interest to the radio ham, scanner enthusiast and shortwave listener or Dxer.

RADIO GORT

http://www.radio.gort.dk

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Billed as the biggest Danish radio collection on the Internet, a nice collection of tabletops, portables, grammaphones, pocket transistors, and more

THE TALKIES -- HANDIE AND WALKIE

http://www.batnet.com/mfwright/hthistory.html

VIA Vernon Ikeda, Pierrefonds, Quebec

The following is a chapter from the book A Founders Touch, The Life of Paul Gavin of Motorola, 1965, a bio of the founder of Motorola.

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RADIO H.F. PUBLICITY ZONE

GRUNDIG SHORTWAVE RADIOS

Anyone who has been around shortwave radios will recognize the name of Grundig. The boom years for Grundig were in the post-war years when a number of high quality receivers, including the popular Satellit and Yacht Boy lines were manufactured in Germany. Grundig has made a strong return to the shortwave market over the past few years, in particular heavily targeting the North American market. Their equipment is now made in mainland China, at a German supervised plant. They have a wide selection of affordable, portable receivers. For a detailed look at their models currently available, plus other Grundig products, check out:

http://www.grundigradio.net/product/index.asp

Please contact Radio HF for information on pricing and availability.

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THE GENERAL ZONE

TODAY'S FRONT PAGES

http://www.newseum.org/todaysfrontpages/

VIA Yahoo Weekly Picks

A collection of 134 newspaper front pages from 24 countries offers a fascinating daily look at what is deemed worthy of front-page placement around the world. Don't miss the archived exhibit of front pages from September 12, 2001, the day after the terrorist attacks on the U.S. It's a solemn presentation of 70 images from newspapers across the U.S. and the globe. This site's stunning imagery proves the world can be seen from many different angles.

ABOVE TOP SECRET

http://www.abovetopsecret.com/

VIA Bob Margolis, Chicago, Illinois

Welcome to AboveTopSecret.com, a web site comprising a vast array of pages containing information with the ultimate purpose of exposing the secrecy that exists within the government and military organizations of the world.

ANTIWAR.COM

http://www.antiwar.com/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

News, viewpoints and activities in the anti-war movement.

THE HISTORY OF ...

http://history.evansville.net/hist_of.html

VIA Elmer Standish, Courtenay, British Columbia

This is a page from the web site of Evansville teacher Nancy B. Mautz. History of... is a clever list of web sites that meet one simple criterion - they're named "The History of -" History of what? How about... Flashlights? Potato chips? Brain surgery ? There's lots to see and plenty to learn at History of...

ART AID

http://www.artaid.org/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

ArtAid helps those in need through the creation, installation and distribution of public service artwork intended to inspire and elevate the human spirit. Artaid is a non-profit arts organization, has sponsored the free distribution of a series of Angel Memorials in tribute to most effected by 9-11, such as the Firefighters Angel, the NYPD Guardian Angel, and the EMS Healing Angel. ArtAid recently installed the Ground Zero Memorial, the first installation of its kind to memorialize the names of all the victims of the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center.

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KLINGENFUSS RADIO PUBLICATIONS

Joerg Klingenfuss is one of the world's best known utility radio monitors. For those who monitor two-way utility radio traffic on the HF bands, his publications and CD-ROMs are essential reference guides. His material is highly respected, well researched, constantly updated, detailed and precise. Although these reference guides are often more costly than others on the market, they are well worth the investment for the serious radio monitor. Please examine all the material available from Joerg Klingenfuss at his web site. All Klingenfuss products are available in Canada through Radio HF. Contact us for complete details.

http://www.klingenfuss.org/

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THE FUN & SERVICES ZONE

IDIOM SITE

http://www.idiomsite.com/

VIA Yahoo Weekly Picks

An idiom is a manner of speaking that is natural to native speakers of a language. Through this site, find out about the origin of sayings we use in every day conversation.

A COLLECTION OF WORD ODDITIES AND TRIVIA

http://members.aol.com/gulfhigh2/words.html

VIA Yahoo Weekly Links

This self-explanatory site is maintained by Florida high school teacher Jeff Miller. Lots of interesting material.

THE LANGUAGE MUSEUM

http://www.language-museum.com/

VIA Mike Brooker, Toronto, Ontario

The Language Museum is a linguistic web site which offers the samples of 2000 languages in the world. Most languages are living, and a few languages are extinct. Each sample includes 4 parts - (1) an image sample, (2) an English translation, (3) the statistics of speaking countries and populations, (4) the linguistic classification consisting of the language's family and branch. The Language Museum is constructed and maintained by Zhang Hong, a network engineer and amateur linguist in Beijing, China.

THE VIENNA VEGETABLE ORCHESTRA

http://www.gemueseorchester.org/kommentare_e.htm

VIA Bill Westenhaver, Montreal, Quebec

The first Viennese vegetable orchestra was founded in January of 1998. since then, nine people who are active in various artistic areas have worked together on conceptualizing and carrying out this project: instruments are developed; compositions selected or created with particular value being placed on the plurality of the musical styles. the musical spectrum ranges from traditional African pieces to classical European concert music through to experimental electronic music. The instruments consist exclusively of vegetables although additional kitchen utensils such as knives or mixers are employed where necessary. this creates an autonomous and totally novel type of sound which cannot be compared with conventional sound conceptions. the preliminary work for practices and concerts is elaborate as all instruments must be

bought and produced anew.

PEANUT BUTTER LOVERS

http://www.peanutbutterlovers.com/

VIA Bill Westenhaver, Montreal, Quebec

This web site is dedicated to all those who love peanut butter. Check out our favorite recipes or post your own in the recipe section, participate in our latest contest, find out how peanuts are grown and made into peanut butter, or see how peanut butter stacks up nutritionally. But first, you might want to make yourself a peanut butter sandwich. Our site has been known to induce serious peanut butter cravings!

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FEATURE PRODUCT --SEPTEMBER 2002
FORCE 12 ANTENNAS

From the Force 12 website:

"Radio is to be enjoyed, but without a good antenna, so much is missed. With a Force 12 antenna, you will make contacts with amateurs whose signal you could not hear before. So, get off the couch, put up a Force 12 antenna and turn on your rig! The past 12 years have seen thousands of Force 12 antennas being shipped all over the world. We have a wide variety of models (more than 200), because we have listened to you and developed them to meet your needs and dreams. Proof of performance capability of Force 12 antennas has been verified many times by customers and DXpeditions. A great example is "Team Vertical" which operated in the 5-watt (QRP) category of the 2001 CQWW CW worldwide competition. Submitting six single band entries, the team's scores set six North American and four World Records."

To view the unique line available from Force 12, please visit their web site and review their products, then contact Radio HF for details on pricing and availability.

http://force12inc.com/

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THE HAMFEST/FLEAMARKET AND SPECIAL EVENTS ZONE

NOTE: All times quoted are local.

Sunday, September, 22 - London Amateur Radio Club 25th Anniversary 2002 Fleamarket - London, Ontario
Location: Western Fair Grounds, Special Events Building --
Vendors 07h30 - Public 09h00 to 13h00

Admission: $6.00 -- Tables $8.00
Talk-in VA3LON 147.060 (+) ctcss 114.8
Information: Jeff Peacock, VE3IOS at 519-294-6623
E-mail: ve3ios@servers.ca
Web page: http://www.larc.on.ca/flea_2002.htm or
http://www.boomspeed.com/dogxray/LARCHAMFEST2002.doc

Saturday, September 28 - 14th Annual Hamfest Centre du Québec - Drummondville, Québec
Location: College St. Bernard, 25 Avenue des Freres, Drummondville, QC.
Vendors 7 AM; Public 9 AM
Talk-in: 146.625 (-)
Information: Jacques Genereux, VE2WJG at 819-478-2847
E-mail: jacques@9bit.qc.ca
Web Page: http://www.9bit.qc.ca/~ve2crd/hamfest.html
RADIO H.F. WILL BE THERE

Sunday, September 29 Langley Amateur Radio and Computer Swap Meet - Aldergrove, British Columbia
Location: Elks Hall, 27309 Fraser Hwy, Aldergrove,B.C.

Vendors 09h00 General Admission 10h00
Tables C$18.00 - General Admission C$5.00 One Helper per table; before Aug. 15th at a discount C$15.00
Talk-in: 147.380 (+)
Information: Wayne Muster, VE7CKV at 604-556-7810 or
Mike Holley, VE2AVM at 604-534-6466
Packet: ve7avm@ve7kit.#vanc.bc.can.noam
E-mail: mholley@quik.com
Web page: http://www.langleyamateurradio.com/

Saturday, October 26 South Shore Amateur Radio Club Hamfest -- Longueuil, Quebec
Location: Place Desaulniers, 1023 Taschereau Blvd., Longueuil, Quebec
Vendors: 6 AM; Public: 9 AM
Talk-in: 145.390 (-)
Information and table reservations:
E-mail: ve2clm@amsat.org
Web Page: http://www.cam.org/~ve2clm/hamfest.htm
RADIO HF WILL BE THERE

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*****RADIO H.F. PUBLICITY ZONE*****
NEW PUBLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE

ARRL Antenna Modeling Course
Author: L.B. Cebik, W4RNL Editor: R. Dean Straw, N6BV

In this course on antenna modeling by computer, you'll master the basic techniques of constructing good models using widely-available software (not included).

Table of Contents:
Familiarization with antenna modeling
The language of modeling
Setting up an antenna model

Antenna model outputs
Model sources
Model grounds
Frequency selection, sweeps and scaling
Antenna loads
Transmission lines
Antenna model adequacy testing
Workarounds for NEC-2 limitations
Modeling by Equation
Practical modeling
Advanced and specialized modeling
...and more.
This is the printed version of the ARRL CCE on-line course, EC-004. 450 pages. © 2002, published by American Radio Relay League, Inc. (ISBN: 0-87259-872-1) #8721 -- $63.95 CANADIAN

International Microwave Handbook
Published by RSGB and ARRL
Edited by Andy Barter, G8ATD

Reference information and designs for the microwave experimenter: operating techniques; system analysis and propagation; microwave antennas; transmission lines and components; microwave semiconductors and valves; construction techniques; common equipment; test equipment; bands 1.3 GHz, 2.3 GHz, 3.4 GHz, 5.6 GHz, 10 GHz, 24 GHz, and above.
The precursor to this significant work was the three volume Microwave Handbook published by the RSGB in the late eighties and early nineties. This new book includes contributions from radio amateurs, organizations, publications and companies from around the world.
Published jointly by The Radio Society of Great Britain (RSGB) and the American Radio Relay League (ARRL). #8739 -- $63.95 Canadian

The complete ARRL, RSGB, Radio Amateurs of Canada, Radio Amateurs du Quebec Inc. catalogs, and hundreds of other specialty radio communications publications, CD Roms and softwares are available from Radio H.F. A completely new and updated book catalog can be viewed by going to the Radio H.F. web site at http://www.total.net/~radiohf, under publications, or go directly to the catalog at: http://www.anarc.org/cidx/radiohf/Cat2002Jan.html

Details of new ARRL and RSGB publications can be found on the ARRL web site at: http://www.arrl.org/catalog/?category=What%27s+New

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THE RESOURCES ZONE

The following is a listing of clubs, groups, nets and radio broadcasts which I either operate, present or am actively involved in.

THE CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL DX CLUB

CIDX is Canada's national radio monitoring club, serving radio hobbyists since 1962, celebrating our 40th anniversary this year. Our monthly newsletter, Messenger, covers all aspects of the radio monitoring hobby. Our September 2002 edition is now available. Sample copies are available for $2 each, in Canada or the U.S., or $3 overseas. Membership is open to radio hobbyists worldwide. Visit the CIDX web site for complete information, as well as special features and web site profiles, or for a membership application.

http://www.anarc.org/cidx/

THE INTERNATIONAL RADIO REPORT

The International Radio Report, on CKUT-FM Radio McGill, 90.3 FM in Montreal, is available via the Internet on RealAudio, live streaming, and on the airwaves of CKUT, Sunday mornings at 10:30 AM Eastern (1430 UTC). Now in our 14th year on the air, I, and co-host Bill Westenhaver, present this weekly half-hour of news, information and developments in radio broadcasting. Visit the Radio McGill web page for full CKUT programming:

http://www.ckut.ca

You may also listen to the International Radio Report when you like. Archived editions of the programme have been posted on the web, thanks to the initiative of Ricky Leong, of Brossard, Quebec. Please check:

http://members.fortunecity.com/crazyaboutradio/

Send your comments or questions to the International Radio Report, by e-mail, to radioreport@yahoo.com

THE MONTREAL DX LISTENERS NET

Sunday evenings, on the West Island Amateur Radio Club Repeater, 146.910 MHz., following the swap net at 8 PM Eastern, tune in for the Montreal DX Listeners Net, featuring news about all aspects of radio; shortwave, AM/FM, utilities, scanning, amateur radio. Included are listening tips, developments in broadcasting, reception reports, HF and scanner frequency information, special topics, questions and comments. This net is in its 9th year, and has had close to 500 different participants during this period. The net is operated by Sheldon Harvey, VE2SHW. Please feel free to participate. The Swap Net begins at 8 PM, followed by a calendar of events including upcoming hamfests, amateur radio contests and special events amateur stations, plus a list of local events and meetings. The DX Net usually begins around 8:20 to 8:30 PM Eastern, and runs to approximately 10 PM.

RADIO CANADA INTERNATIONAL'S MAPLE LEAF MAILBAG

You can hear my bi-weekly "CIDX Report" on The Maple Leaf Mailbag, on Canada's international shortwave broadcaster, Radio Canada International, with host Ian Jones. Find the times and frequencies on the Radio Canada International web site. When you travel abroad, take Canada with you, with Radio Canada International on shortwave.

http://www.rcinet.ca

That's all for this month. Radio H.F. is a mail order, telephone and on line business, with great products, great prices, and personalized service. Be sure to check out the Radio H.F. web site at

http://www.total.net/~radiohf

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